

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the April 9, 2008 Meeting

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Chairman Christoph Geiss called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, Adam Jaemal, William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, Jim Schumaker, and Rebecca Zalznock. Others in attendance included Kathy Bagley of the Parks and Recreation Department, Christopher Shepard, Director of the Nature Center, and Matthew Forrest of the Town Council.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 12, 2008 Minutes were approved with corrections under a Motion by R. Moyer, Second by R. Pulford. Abstaining from the vote: A. Jaemal, W. Knapp and R. Zalznock who were not present at the March meeting.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

III. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Town Council requested the Conservation Commission to review the concept for the development of a linear park along Beaver Brook, and to review "The Beaver Brook Plan" previously prepared by the Conservation Commission in the 1960s and 1970s. The Commission reviewed maps of the area that delineated parcel boundaries, open spaces and Town owned lands, developed and undeveloped parcels, and other physical and natural features along Beaver Brook. Some Commission members walked the area to visually inspect accessible areas and land uses prior to the meeting.

After much discussion regarding the pros and cons related to acceptance of the concept of the linear park, Commissioner W. Knapp made a motion for the Conservation Commission to support the concept of a Beaver Brook linear park and to recommend the Town Council move forward with a Concept Study.

Commissioner R. Moyer seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the members voting as follows (6-1-1):

Aye: C. Geiss, A. Jaemal, W. Knapp, R. Moyer, R. Pulford, and J. Schumaker

Nay: R. Zalznock

Abstain: Ingrid Boelhouwer

K. Bagley will draft a letter (to be reviewed by the Commission) and submitted to the Town Council by Chairman Geiss informing them of the approved Motion.

Commissioner Geiss adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM (moved by R. Moyer seconded by R. Pulford).

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca M. Zalznock